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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A process for producing aqueous primary dispersions of polymer-

ensheathed pigment, which comprises

(a) at least one polyfunctional isocyanate and

(b) at least one compound having isocyanate-reactive groups selected from

polyetherols, polyesterols, polyhydric alcohols having up to 8 carbon atoms,

polycarbonate diols, polyhydroxyolefins, polyhydroxyurethanes,

polyisobutenediols, polysiloxanes having on average at least 2 hydroxyl

groups per molecule and lactone-based polyesterdiols

being mixed with pigment, water and if appropriate one or more surface-active

substances and reacted with each other.

Claim 2 (Original): The process according to claim 1 wherein (a) and (b) are mixed

with water and pigment to form a miniemulsion having an average diameter in the range from

20 to 1000 nm for the monomer droplets.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 [[or 2]] wherein at

least one pigment is an organic pigment or is carbon black.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to any one of claims 1 to 3

<u>claim 1</u> that utilizes pigment in predispersed form.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process according to any one of claims 1 to 4

claim 4 that utilizes a compound (a) or (b) as a surface-active substance.

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Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process according to any one of claims 1-to 5 claim 1 wherein one or more free-radically polymerizable monomers are added as a component (c).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An aqueous primary dispersion produced by a process according to any one of claims 1 to 6 claim 1.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The aqueous primary dispersion according to claim [[7]] 6 wherein the water content is in the range from 30% to 95% by weight.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Use of The method of using aqueous primary dispersions according to claim [[7 or 8]] 6 for finishing leather.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): Leather finished using at least one aqueous primary dispersion according to claim [[7 or 8]] 6.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): Use of The method of using aqueous primary dispersions according to claim 7 [[or 8]] in textile printing.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A textile colored using at least one aqueous primary dispersion according to claim [[7 or 8]] 6.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A print paste comprising at least one aqueous primary dispersion according to claim 7 [[or 8]].

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Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A fibrous substrate ensheathed using at least one aqueous primary dispersion according to claim 7 [[or 8]].

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): Use of The method of using aqueous primary dispersions according to claim [[7 or 8]] 6 as or for producing inks for the ink jet process.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): An ink jet process ink comprising at least one aqueous primary dispersion according to claim [[7 or 8]] 6.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An ensheathed pigment obtainable by a process according to any one of claims 1 to 6 claim 1 and subsequent application of a drying process.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A process for producing ensheathed pigments, which comprises first producing an aqueous primary dispersion according to any one of claims 1 to 6 claim 1 and then isolating the ensheathed pigment by a drying process.